

## DIVINE SERVICES HELD IN LOCAL HOUSES OF WORSHIP

At a Goodly Number of the Marion Churches the Respectful Pastors Spoke on "Sabbath Desecration"—The Ministers Began Their Fight Against Sunday Baseball—Dedicated Sermon Preached by Rev. O. W. Webb at Wesley M. E. Mission—Dr. L. C. Webster Delivers Eloquent Sermon at Wesley Church.

A number of the leading ministers of the city, meeting in accordance with an agreement into which they entered last week, preached sermons on Sabbath desecration, Sunday. These discourses, they say, were the opening shots of a fight which they intend to wage against Sunday baseball this year.

Those ministers who spoke against Sunday ball games at either the morning or evening service, were Rev. D. H. Bailey, pastor of Epworth M. E. church, Rev. George M. Rourke of the First Presbyterian, Rev. A. W. Settlage, of the First Reformed, Rev. B. C. Platt of the Central Christian, Rev. L. C. Reed of the United Brethren; Rev. G. E. Bernard, of the Free Baptist, Rev. C. W. Hensel of Calvary and Rev. C. E. Rowley of Wesley M. E.

In the majority of these churches notably Calvary Evangelical, Epworth M. E. and the First Presbyterian, the pastors took arising voice of their congregations on the Sunday baseball question. In nearly every instance, all but a few people arose as an expression of their disapproval of Sabbath desecration. The ministers will use this fact as argument against the claim that the majority of Marion people want Sunday games.

"Our Sabbath," was the theme of the discourse at Calvary Church, Sunday morning. The text was Exodus 20:8. Said the pastor, "For our Sabbath, we go back not to the Puritanism of New England or Old England; not to the Reformation; not to Apostolic days, nor to Sinai; but through the nations of antiquity to God. The Sabbath is in modern law, in history, in legend, in Scripture, and man's very nature—religious, intellectual."

"It is proposed by a stock company of Marion citizens to have a series of Sunday baseball games this summer. The law of God says, 'No.' The law of the State of Ohio (Section 7063 A) says, 'No.' It is further proposed to avoid Sunday games by the shops of the city closing Saturday noon. Whether this is accomplished or not, Sunday ball games are still against right and law."

"But it is said these games will keep men out of the saloons. Are saloons open in Marion on Sunday? Why don't these stockholders, so considerate of these other men who frequent the saloons, and thus keep men out of the whole Sabbath through?" "Again, it has been urged, the Sunday game will keep people from the Sunday excursion. It is never advisable nor right to fight one evil with another. Anyway, if the excursionist is to be kept out of saloons, the rides on the train will keep him out of them longer than a base ball game would."

It is asserted, "Three-fourths of Marion's citizens want Sunday games." As a counter assertion, "It isn't so." "The Sabbath law is a dead letter," so declares one of Marion's prominent citizens. There are "dead" laws on the state's statute books, but the one that helps to preserve for us our American Sabbath is not one of them. It had life enough to save Cleveland from the Sunday games of the American League. And, by the way, the sheriff of Cuyahoga county, who so fearlessly did his duty at that time, was re-elected soon thereafter by the biggest majority ever given a sheriff in that county, and there was but one other candidate of the sheriff's political party successful in that election! Furthermore, the Supreme Court of our commonwealth has so recently as April 19, 1898, declared the law against Sunday base ball to be alive. We have not heard of it's dying since."

"And, in addition, our last State Assembly did not regard it as a 'dead letter,' but when it was vigorously assailed, the legislature stood 'pat' in its protection."

"It is not bigotry to uphold the sanctity of the Sabbath. It is not fanaticism to oppose the desecration of the Sabbath."

"The prohibition of Sunday ball games makes for better morals, greater prosperity, a greater Marion. Four of the teams in this league won't tolerate Sunday games, but they come to Marion! Cleveland hasn't deteriorated since debarring Sunday ball. When the fight was on, Cincinnati was held up as a model of what a large, liberal city should be. Cleveland rejected the model, and forthwith outstripped her rival for the first place in the state."

"The warnings from other towns and cities are too plain for us to ignore. Sunday baseball furnishes temptations not otherwise encountered. Sunday games would make Marion the center of numerous Sunday

excursions. "If these games are tolerated, the moral sense of the community will be weakened; the more reckless element of the city and county will have full swing, and other evils will rush in."

"Yes, there may be greater evils under the sun, but now is the time to fight this one. So let us not be side-tracked."

At Epworth M. E. church, Sunday evening, Rev. D. H. Bailey spoke on the subject, "The American Sabbath." He spoke of the fact that Ohio has laws which stand out plainly against all forms of Sabbath desecration, and he declared that no man can be a good citizen and disobey these laws.

"A Marion business man who favors Sunday baseball says that the laws against Sabbath desecration are 'dead issues,' said the Epworth pastor. "Let any man come up for office on the platform that he believes in the open violation of these laws; then we would see how near to being dead they are."

"The mayor and the police are having enough trouble now trying to keep the saloons closed on Sunday," said Rev. Mr. Bailey. "If we permit Sunday baseball, it will not be long until the Sabbath is the same as any other day in Marion."

At the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening, Rev. George M. Rourke took as his subject "The Desecration of the Sabbath." The text, taken from Nehemiah 13:21 reads, "From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath."

The pastor said that Sunday baseball is against the Biblical law and of the laws of Ohio.

Sunday morning Rev. Rourke spoke on the subject, "The Temptation of Christ," taking as his text, the words of the tempter "If thou therefore shalt worship me, all shall be thine," found in Luke 4:7.

At the close of the discourse, Rev. Mr. Rourke spoke of the Sunday baseball agitation and said that he was grieved to notice that some of his members had signed a petition in favor of Sunday ball.

At the Sunday morning service, N. E. Arnold and George Salmon were ordained as elders and John Landon was installed.

Ex. 20: 8-11.—Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day: wherefore, the Lord rested on the seventh day and hallowed it.

Nehemiah 13:15-22.—In those days, I saw in Judah some treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses therewith; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day; and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals. There dwelt men of Tyre therein, which brought in fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the Sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, what evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the Sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us and upon this city? Yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the Sabbath. And it came to pass that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the Sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath; and some of my servants set I over the gates, that there should be no burden brought in on the Sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.

Then I testified against them, and said unto them; why lodge ye about the wall? If ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the Sabbath.

Exek. 20: 12, 13, 16.—Moreover I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know I am the Lord that sanctify them. But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness; they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my Sabbaths they greatly polluted; then I said, I would pour my fury upon them in the wilderness to consume them. Their heart went after their idols.

Isa. 56: 13, 14. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord honorable; and shall honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed with the heritage of Jacob thy father.

Jer. 17:27. But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the Sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

Mat. 12:8. The Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.

Matt. 5:17.—The Lord says, Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets; I came not to destroy, but to fulfill.

The above Bible passages were expounded and elucidated by the pastor of the Reformed Church, W. A. Settlage.

In conclusion, he said, that in this day and age, in spite of the much preaching and the large mass of literature, which is circulated, the cardinal principles of our Holy Religion are not sufficiently inculcated and enjoined on the hearts and minds of the people and especially upon the young. A Christian state and city is responsible for the keeping of the Sabbath day. It must be in order to guard the nation against ruin.

It must not be forgotten that the nation, state and city is composed of families, yea individuals. No river flows higher than its fountainhead. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY! GOD MADE IT, MAN MUST NOT UNDO IT.

Sunday evening Rev. C. E. Rowley, pastor of Wesley M. E. church, took as his text the fourth commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy," found in the 20th chapter of Exodus.

Sabbath desecration in two forms of business activities and amusements, was spoken of by Rev. Mr. Rowley. He said that Sunday baseball violates the law of God and of the State of Ohio.

He read from the statutes those clauses which prohibit Sunday games.

The quarterly communion service of the German M. E. congregation was held following the usual Sunday morning sermon. The speaker at both the morning and evening service was Rev. Ernest Werner, of Spencerville. In the morning he spoke on the subject, "The Death of Christ," and in the evening his subject was "Time."

The topic of Sabbath desecration was taken up Sunday evening by Rev. L. C. Reed, pastor of the United Brethren church. His text was taken from the 13th chapter of Nehemiah verses 17 to 24. The United Brethren pastor, however, did not mention Sunday baseball in particular.

"One form of Sabbath desecration is just as bad as another," he states, "and for that reason I took up the subject in a general way."

Rev. Mr. Reed showed that the great sin of the Israelites resulting in their being placed in Babylonian captivity, was Sabbath desecration.

In observance of the first Sunday spent in their new quarters on Davis street, the members of the Wesley mission held a dedication service Sunday afternoon. A large congregation was present, filling the new mission room, and an excellent dedicatory sermon was preached by Evangelist O. W. Webb. His text was "Furthermore, I tell thee that the Lord will build thee an house," found in first Chronicles, 17-10.

In beginning his discourse, Rev. Mr. Webb spoke words of praise for the Wesley Mission and its aims. He predicted that the institution will increase with the growth of the city. He also spoke in regard to the Door of Hope rescue home, which it is proposed to establish in connection with the mission. A rising vote of those present was taken and practically every person expressed himself as being in favor of the proposed home. Subscription papers are now being circulated and the success of the project is seemingly assured.

In his discourse Rev. Mr. Webb told the stories of how Solomon and David erected great tabernacles through the help of God.

Rev. George E. Bernard, pastor of the Free Baptist church, spoke not only against Sunday baseball in his Sunday morning service, but against the proposed Saturday half holiday as a compromise between those favoring Sunday games and those against them.

"The poor man does not want a Saturday half-holiday because he can't afford it," said Rev. Mr. Bernard.

As for Sabbath day ball games, Rev. Bernard says he opposes them because they are a sin against

God and a crime against man and the state. He says that if Sunday games are permitted they will be merely forerunners of other forms of Sunday desecration, such as Sunday theaters and open shops.

A large congregation gathered at Wesley M. E. church had the pleasure Sunday of listening to a very able sermon by the Rev. L. C. Webster, D. D., who has lately moved to this city from Kenton, Ohio.

Dr. Webster in his introductory remarks stated that some thirty years ago he was pastor of the Methodist church in Marion. He proceeded to speak from 2nd Cor., 8:8, "And God is able to make all grace to abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work."

Said he, "If God is not able to make grace abound, who is? God is proprietor of the universe. He is able because he is omnipotent. He has infinite wisdom and knows where to put his grace."

"I like the word, 'abound'; it has a good deal in it; not simply to have spiritually enough to keep us in the church, but to make us rich. I believe all the poverty there is in the world is the result of sin. When we want more than what is our due, it is pretty hard to keep the Golden Rule." At the conclusion of the excellent discourse, many came to the front with hearty greetings, some of whom had been under his ministry many years ago.

Rev. B. C. Platt, pastor of the Central Christian church, took up the Sunday baseball question at his Sunday evening service. His subject was "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy."

In his discourse, Rev. Mr. Platt pointed out the evil effects of Sunday sports. He says that Sabbath desecration demoralizes the social and industrial life of a community.

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## LOCAL EVENTS

The county commissioners are in Waldo township today, viewing the route of the proposed Hipsher ditch.

Born, a son to Mr. and Mrs. George Kenyon, of Wood street, Saturday.

The Woman's Relief Corps will hold an all day sewing Tuesday, at the Macabee hall on North Main street. A full attendance is desired.

A series of talks on "Church History," are being given by Rev. George M. Rourke, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at the weekly prayer meetings. The introductory talk was given last Wednesday evening and the talk at the meetings next Wednesday night will be a continuation of the same line of thoughts.

An error was made in the Mirror of April 15th in reporting the death of Frank Mewhorter. The remains were brought to this city from Columbus, Ohio, and taken to the home of his sister Mrs. Jennie Stephens at 608 Oak street, where the funeral services were held. Mr. Mewhorter left three sisters, one brother and an aged mother.

George W. King was taken suddenly ill while viewing the parade this morning. He was taken home and Dr. Young was called and pronounced his trouble neuralgia. At this time he is resting easy. Mr. King has been or a great nervous strain since the death of his mother a few weeks ago.

The City Street Railway company received a car-load of rails today. The rails are to be used in building the proposed extension of the street railway over Silver and Lee streets. The rails were ordered several months ago but the steel companies were so busy that the orders could not be filled. It is expected that all of the material needed will arrive within the next few weeks.

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## SMASHES UP THE FURNITURE

Mitchell and His Wife Have Trouble

### HUSBAND UNDER ARREST

But in Mayor's Court All Differences are Settled

Local Police with Special Officers are Taking Excellent Care of Visiting Crooks.

William Mitchell, of North Prospect street, got into an argument with his wife yesterday afternoon and before the battle was over he had smashed up most of the things in the house and had handled his wife very roughly.

Mrs. Mitchell filed the affidavit in the police court charging her husband with assault. Mitchell was brought into court this morning and admitted that he had broken up some of the furniture but said he only pushed his wife away from him and that he had not struck her as she claimed. The wife listened to her husband's pleading and with drew the charge against him. They agreed to live together and to behave themselves properly.

Although there is the usual tough gang following the Forepaugh-Sells' circus no burglaries, hold-ups or pickpockets operations were reported to the police up to noon today. A number of special officers have been placed in the service to protect the unsuspecting from the gang of sharks that is usually very much in evidence during the excitement that prevails on circus day.

Edward Swanson, aged about 80 years, was arrested Saturday night by Officers Chapman and Slagle charged with being intoxicated. Swanson has been up before on numerous occasions but never has any money to pay a fine so the mayor released him on the condition that he would leave town. He readily agreed and skidded.

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## Railroad Notes

Hocking Valley passenger train No. 35, leaving the city at 4:20 p. m., came near plunging through a bunch of curious people, who had assembled at the Silver street crossing to witness the big show unload Sunday afternoon. The tracks were alive with people, and the watchman could not exercise sufficient power to warn them of the approaching train until it was upon them. Then there was a great scramble, and in the rush, several children were knocked down and tramped on. None, however, were seriously injured.

Hereafter, the hazing of bridal parties will not be allowed at the Pennsylvania stations as the officials of that road have issued an order against it and instructed the agents accordingly. It is said that the order is the result of an accident that occurred at Wilmington, Delaware, several weeks ago, when a bridegroom was made a target for old shoes.

A village cut-up hurled a shoe at the groom just as the train was pulling into the depot. The shoe struck him on the side of the head, rendering him unconscious and knocking him across the rails. He was run over, and consequently the Pennsylvania company was sued for heavy damages.

According to the statement of an Erie official this morning, trains No. 11 and No. 12, which were placed in operation several months ago as second thirteen and fourteen, will be removed, and the road will drop back to its old schedule. The matter, it is said, was definitely decided at a meeting of the general passenger agents held at Hagerstown, Pennsylvania, last Saturday.

G. Skenyon, Hocking Valley detective from Columbus, was looking after business in the city for a short time today.

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### PORTION OF EXTENSIONS

Will be Constructed During Coming Summer

City Officials Say Water Company Had to Come to Time to Retain its Present Franchise.

The troubles existing between the Marion City Water company and the city of Marion are to all appearances things of the past. The officials of the company state that they have devised a means of securing money necessary for making the pipe line extensions which have been ordered by the council and an order for a portion of the pipe to be used has already been placed.

For more than nine months the company has made no extensions, claiming that it was impossible to borrow money under the present franchise. And it was absolutely necessary to secure loans in order to buy the pipe, it was claimed. During the time that the company has been inactive, the council has ordered 17,000 feet of extensions, none of which have been made. "It will be impossible for us to make all of these extensions this year," said one of the water company officials, today, "but we expect to make those which are needed the most."

It is stated that the company has already ordered more than 7,000 feet of pipe, and that as soon as the first consignment is received, the work of laying the extensions will be started.

"The work of putting in water pipe cannot be pushed rapidly, owing to the great care which must be exercised," says a member of the water company.

Whether this action on the part of the water company means that there will be no further difficulty in getting water mains laid, is a matter for conjecture. The company officials say that they have no trouble at this time in borrowing money, but whether this fortunate condition will continue is not certain.

A prominent city official this morning expressed no surprise on learning of the fact that the water company would put down the mains. He said that this is all the company could do if it hoped to retain its franchise. As long as the present council is in, there is no probability of the company getting a new franchise, it is stated.

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